

March 4	Temperature				Precipitation		
	mean max	mean min	record max highest / lowest (year)	record min highest / lowest (year)	mean	record highest (year)	chance
San Diego	66	53	85 (1987) / 52 (1894)	60 (1987) / 39 (1894)	0.08	0.80 (1876)	23%
Santa Ana	70	49	95 (1931) / 56 (1945)	57 (1978) / 29 (1951)	0.11	1.88 (1978)	20%
Riverside	68	45	93 (1972) / 51 (1976)	53 (1990) / 28 (1951)	0.08	2.27 (1943)	21%
Escondido	69	46	88 (1987) / 53 (1923)	55 (1995) / 29 (1917)	0.12	1.66 (1943)	27%
Big Bear Lake	49	23	66 (1972) / 34 (1976)	33 (1978) / 3 (1962)	0.15	2.84 (1978)	23%
Idyllwild	56	27	75 (1972) / 36 (1976)	42 (1986) / 9 (1976)	0.18	0.96 (1978)	25%
Palomar Mountain	54	36	73 (1972) / 32 (1976)	48 (1986) / 18 (1985)	0.23	2.70 (1981)	20%
Victorville	66	36	80 (1994) / 43 (1976)	58 (1918) / 17 (1917)	0.04	1.82 (1943)	14%
Palm Springs	78	49	97 (1972) / 58 (1923)	64 (1925) / 29 (1952)	0.03	1.90 (1943)	9%
Borrego Springs	76	47	87 (1986) / 52 (1976)	59 (1999) / 29 (1985)	0.04	0.05 (1976)	15%

Mean temperatures and precipitation based on 1971-2000 normals. The year given is the year of latest occurrence.

Periods of record: San Diego temperature: 1872, precipitation: 1850. Santa Ana temperature: 1916, precipitation: 1906. Riverside: 1924. Escondido: 1900. Big Bear Lake: 1960. Idyllwild: 1943. Palomar Mountain: 1938. Victorville: 1917. Palm Springs temperature: 1917, precipitation: 1906. Borrego Springs temperature: 1965, precipitation: 1942.

On this day in...

2000: A storm that started on this day and ended on 3.6 brought up to 17 inches of snow in 24 hours to the mountains. 14 inches fell at Forest Falls. Three illegal immigrants died south of Mt. Laguna.

1995: A mud slide at La Conchita (near Santa Barbara) destroyed nine houses within a few seconds.

1992: A series of storms that began on 3.1 and ended on 3.7 brought one to four inches of rainfall and local flooding.

1978: Heavy rain began on this day and ended on 3.5. 20 deaths resulted from flooding and mudslides in the LA area. Three drowning deaths and disastrous flooding occurred in Lakeside. 26 died and 600 were left homeless in Tijuana and Ensenada.

1976: A storm that started on 3.2 and ended on this day brought 20 inches of snowfall to Running Springs.

1952: It was 29° in Palm Springs, the lowest temperature on record for March. This also occurred on 3.13.1936.

1951: In Riverside it was 28°, the lowest temperature on record for March.

1938: Storms of tropical origin that started on 2.27 ended on this day. 11.06 inches of rain fell at LA. More than 30 inches of precipitation fell at several mountain stations of the San Gabriel and San Bernardino Mountains (32.2 inches at 8,300 feet elev.), with more than 22 inches in the Santa Ana River headwaters. Considerable snow was melted, adding to the runoff. This led to unprecedented flood control efforts, including a network of dams and canals and concrete channels. For the storm 210 were reported dead or missing in flooding across Southern California. 45 died in Orange County, of which 43 perished in Mexican-American Atwood from an eight-foot wall of water. Hundreds were injured. The Santa Ana River flooded, inundating nearly all of northern Orange County. Catastrophic damage hit more than 1,500 residences. 400 cabins and buildings were washed away in and around San Antonio Canyon. The Whitewater River flooded, isolating Palm Springs.